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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Appl. No. : 10/803,945 Confirmation No. 7176
Applicant : K. SHIMOOKA et al.
Filed : March 19, 2004
Title : DATA PROTECTING APPARATUS AND METHOD,
AND COMPUTER SYSTEM
TC/AU : 2132
Examiner : V. Perungavoor
Customer No.: 24956

AMENDMENT**MAIL STOP: AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed March 1, 2007, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper; and

Remarks begin on page 10 of this paper.

A Petition for a one-month Extension of Time and required fee accompany this paper.